REDICAL VICTORIES DULL THE VILETIDE MIRTH.

The Festival No Longer a Home One is Old England; in Fact John Bull Is thauging By-Elections; Rat Plague; Palice Without Guns; House Parties.

Cable Despatch to THE SES NUON. Dec. 24.-The spirit of Christas is not quite so buoyant as usual in of the soft weather or the re rse of politics who can say? A ense of change, of permanent unrest as undoubtedly fastened itself upon minds of the masses of the English sople, and this feeling does not harwith Yuletide lightheartedness alterations in the social and al life which began five years ago longer after the recent elections regarded as a temporary phase of British public opinion, and sober second thoughts disturb the usual reflections which the holly and the mistletoe in

Then too there is a change in the observance of the holiday itself which is nore noticeable this year than ever before. christmas always had been until the wentieth century dawned England's me or family holiday, peculiarly and exclusively domestic in its observance. This custom of centuries is being reversed this year. It has been impossible for as past to secure accommodations at the principal hotels on the south coast. while the exodus from England to the Riviera and other Continental resorts e greatest ever known

Truly the time has come for the world revise its popular conception of Eng-England of tradition, the England even the characteristics of the new race which evolution is producing in these islands; but it will be a curious modification of the John Bull whom even the nineteenth

BY-ELECTIONS

are already foreshadowed early in the year perhaps at the ind of February. it is expected that several Liberal peers will be created, some of them being memhers of the House of Commons. It is rumored that no less than two or three dozen Liberal peers will figure in the New Year honors list as the first instalment This is considered to be a tactical move which is deemed likely to influence materially the attitude of the House of Lords

THE RAT PLAGUE

The Times publishes a minute report of the rat plague in East Anglia and urges the Government to make a thorough investigation. It is estimated that this would cost \$100,000. It is now certain that the plague infected rate arrived in Suffolk hree or four years a go from Bombay. Where the limit of the plague is

present ha not yet been discovered, but the Times maintains that an investigation could settle this, and until the area in which there are plague infected rats is defined no steps can be taken to handle t satisfactorily It is admitted there is no reed for a

scare. Few people in England come into actual contact with rats, but it has been proved beyond a doubt that the plague n Fast Anglia is exactly the same as the scourge which killed 7,000,000 persons in india between 1896 and 1908.

In a vast majority of cases in India it took the ubonic form. Four proved and half dozen suspected cases in East A glia assumed the pneumonic form. This is not only more severa than the bubonic form but is more angerous trict the disease could be spread after the first cases without the agency of plague

The East Anglia cases fortunately have all been in extremely isolated cot- leased tages, but the extent to which rats in East Anglia are infected can be realized from the fact that more than 5 per cent. of the live rats captured in the Ipswich be infected, while during the most viruent epidemic in Bombay, when thou sands of rats were caught and examined

daily, the percentage rarely reached six. ARM THE POLICE.

John Bull has one characteristic which s apparently unchangeable. Nobody's experience except his own carries the sightest weight with him. The whole question whether the police should be houses, and to the poor generally. armed with revolvers. Since five brave men were shot down by alien burglars h a week or so ago and a similar incident

will be no festivities and no guests. Prince and Princess Christian will · a house party at their residence at Indisor. The Connaughts and the Fifes ment is scattered in all directions. Mrs Lewis Harcourt, the American wife Seretary of State for the Colonies. as gay party at Nuneham, where and theatricals are taking place. The sand theatricals are taking place of the sand theatricals are taking place. The sand local snows in northern pertion to day and local snows in a ferroman local snows in the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in northern pertion to day and local snows in northern pertion to day and local snows in northern pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the state of the pertion to day and local snows in the state of the st gay party at Nuneham, where dances and theatricals are taking place. Ambassador Reid, Mrs. Reid and their formerly Jean Reid, at Chilmon Lodge,

Lord and Lady Bateman left for Shab en Court on Thursday. They will have

wenty guests for Christmas. ism Phillips, secretary of the Amercan himhassy, and his wife are at Grange

The Duke and Duchess of Rosburghe have a small party at Floors Castle. guests include Mrs W. Burns and Lord and Lady Alastair Innes-Ker.

The Bradley Martins and the Newouses have gone to Combe Abbey, where Lord and Lady Craven have a gay party Mr. and Mrs. H. Coventry will spend Christmas with Lord and Lady Coventry and a family party, which will include Viscountess Deerhurst and her children

The Duchess of Marlborough, who was one of the guests at Mr. Burdett-Coutts's dance on Wednesday, joined Mrs. Tiffany in Paris to-day. Her two sons will spend Christmas at Blenheim, where the Duke Lord and Lady Acheson are passing

the holidays with Lady Derby. Viscount and Lady Maidstone are with the Drexels Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, who has been giving several small dinners this week, went to Cliveden on Saturday, where the Spender-Clavs and the W. W. Astors will make merry together.

J. J. Van Alen has a house party at Lord and Lady Granard were the guests

of Lady Nunburne Holme till Thursday. when they left for Ireland. Chauncey and her daughter are going to Lady Newborough's for the

Lady Essex is one of the Americans who will spend Christmas in London. Mrs. Ronalds and Mrs. Ritchie are others who are giving Christmas dinners in town.

TRYING TO SCARE THE CZAR. Police Manufacturing Plots to Keep Him From Wintering in the Capital.

activity of the plain clothes police here can only be explained by the supposition that they are again trying to scare the Dickens, is disappearing. It is too Czar away from the capital. The Czar is early in this period of transition to sketch due to take up his residence at the Winter Palace on New Year's eve, old style, where for a fortnight.

century regarded as one of the world's anxiety to the police. For the last two years the deaths of Grand Dukes Alexis, Vladimir and Michael placed the court in mourning during the winters and fur-A considerable number of by-elections nished the Czar with an excuse for keeping away from the capital. At present there is no family obstacle to the resumption of festivities Moreover, the mass of workers along the Neva have more work and better pay than they have had for

The police to achieve their purpose of shaking the Emperor's nerve had to turn to the fevered spirits among the students. arresting groups of five or six of them daily. There is no definite plot charged. but unrest among them has been simmering since Toistoy's death. In order to further exasperate the students the police now compel all of them to have their portraits pasted on their passports with the aim of preventing those who have been expelled from returning under false

It is conceivable that by continuing to annoy the students the police may suc ceed in fomenting the plot they need

COLOMBIA DEMANDS CASTILLO. Man Whe Was in Trouble Over Emeralds Here in London Police Court.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN the Colombian who was arrested at Fishguard on Thursday night on the arrival of the steamship Mauretania from New York, was arraigned in the Bow Street police court this morning on a charge of receiving emeralds which he knew had been stolen from the Colombian Government. The Colombian Minister informed the court that a process had been issued against Castillo.

Castillo told the magistrate that he had bought the goods from a person from the fact that it is transferable di- whom he did not know at Magdalena rectly by the patient's breath carrying in 1900 before the Colombian Government control of the mines in that depart occur in the thickly populated slum dis- ment. The emeralds, he said, were placed establishing that at the time of his arrest committed no crime in bond in New York. Castillo, according to his statement, took them out of bond. and when he arrived in New York recently he was arrested but was afterward re-

A detective testified that he found in possession of the prisoner fifty-six rough meralds and some diamond ornaments The Colombian Minister demanded district, taken at random, were found to the extradition of the prisoner, who was

> CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN. Many Gifts for the Needy in Madrid-The King Goes Hunting.
> Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

MADRID, Dec. 24 .- The streets of the capital to-night present a most animated appearance. There was a distribution country has been debating this week the of gifts at the various asylums and alms-King Alfonso will pass the Christmas olidays hunting.

The Weather.

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Dec. 25.—The storm was central yesterday near the St. Lawrence Valley, and was attended by show in the country, utterly ignoring the practice of the rest of the civilized world, almost unanimously oppose such a startling innovation. It is no exaggerated compliment to say that the personnel of the English police is the finest in the world. No men anywhere show such restraint against such provaciation, yet their own superiors profess unwillingness to trust them with the means of ordinary self-defence.

House Parties.

Thristmas house parties are more numerous than usual King George, Uneen Mary and the royal children are steeding the holiday quietly at York totiage, where no festivity will take place except the usual tree for the royal youngsters. Queen Alexandra and the Princess Vectoria are at Sandringham, where the former Portuguese Minister the Marquis de Several, a great favorite of the late Sing Edward, is their guest.

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The Connaughts and the Fifes For eastern New York, cloudy and colder to day, with local snow in the interfor; unsettled and warmer to-morrow, with snow in afternoon or might; moderate north to northeast winds.

for New England, local snows and colder to day, much colder in northern portion; unsettled and warmer in western portion to morrow and moderate northwest to north winds.

For western New York, local snows to day and colder in eastern portion; unsettled to-morrow with snow in western portion; moderate variable winds becoming southeasterly to-morrow For western Pennsylvania, local snows to day; snew to morrow; moderate northerly winds becoming southeasterly to morrow.

BUT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IS STILL AFTER DAULBY.

Moritz-Witnesses for the "Count." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Tours, Dec. 24. - The trial of the case of the "Count" and "Countess" d'Aulby de Gatigny for swindling Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine of Boston, now the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, out of \$200,000 by neans of alleged old masters was called at 9 o'clock this morning. It had been reported overnight that the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin had gone to St. Moritz and would probably not appear in the case again, and there was therefore no surprise when it was reported that Maltre Sturel, one of her attorneys, was indis-

posed and would not be able to appear. The opening of court was postponed until noon. At that hour Maître Sturel failed to appear, and M. Plumon, the other advocate of the Duchess, was also missing. At this point Mrs. Paine's local lawyer, Maitre Dechêne, stood up and stated that the Duchess had withdrawn from the case.

Maitre Bernard, the leading advocate for "Count" d'Aulby, then said that in view of this statement Mrs. Paine's letters to D'Aulby would henceforth be withdrawn from the case.

The public prosecutor announced that he would continue the proceedings against the D'Aulbys.

Nothing dramatic marked the collapse of the prosecution. It did not surprise St. Peterssure, Dec. 24. The sudden those who knew that the Duchess left Tours yesterday. Her action only benefits her to the extent of preventing any more of her love letters being read from the large bundle which was lying in front drawal of the Duchess does not finish the case, which remains based on the results of the preliminary Magistrate's investi-Bis presence will cause great extra gations. The public prosecutors are always averse to nullifying the Magisrates' work, especially when it has been ong and the case has involved the lengthy detention in prison of the accused. procureur's words, spoken unofficially, define his attitude. He said: "All this is very sensational, but it has

> no connection with the case." Solicitor Behrend, who was the agent of D'Aulby for the sale of Mrs. Paine's letters, was the first witness of the day. He insisted on the Procurator-General reading in full the letter from a firm of Boston lawyers declining to have anything to do with D'Aulby's negotiations with the Paines in regard to the disposal of the letters. The reading of this letter gave a distinctly different impression from that which had been produced by the extracts which had previously been cited. The etter showed that the American lawyers wished to distinguish between the contract for the sale of the pictures and the question of the sale of Mrs. Paine's letters They did not want to have anything to do

with the latter part of the case. The Procureur declined to confront Behrends and Dutillet on their different accounts of their interview, saying it rould be useless as Dutillet is an im becile. Behrends described how he was French Court Finally Dismisses Broi how an attempt was made to commit burglary at his London office, where there were many more of Mrs. Paine's

M. Maratray testified that he knew D'Aulby well. Once he asked him to vandeville singer who was arrested last act as trustee for a relative, his position July on complaint of a Marseilles stock giving him control of large sums of money. D'Aulby declined. D'Aulby bought Mrs. Paine a piano, she profiting from the 30 per cent. reduction in price D'Aulby was disproved, but she was kept in prison Maratray was in a position to know that to bail In view of all the circumstances D'Aulby wrote music which was published of the case great surprise was expressed under Mrs. Paine's name.

Maltre Bernard made an effort to show accused, whose stage name is Rose

ANXIOUS BRITISH CHRISTMAS quiet holiday at 1 arthum Park, their DUCHESS BACKS OUT OF CASE the police sought a value at his home which was believed to contain letters.

A tradesman testifled that a policeman came to him and asked if D'Aulby owed him money. Another tradeeman was told that if he wanted to be paid to take More of the Letters of Mrs. Paine, and was surprised to find that the bill Terrible Scene in Lonely Hill Country Now Mme, de Choiseut-Prasito, to Be was to be used to institute proceed Read in Court She Quits Tours for St. against D'Aulby, which the tradesm stopped

A number of residents of St. Cvr. suburb where the D'Aulbys lived, testifled to their perfect honesty and extensive charity. These witnesses included a baker, a liveryman, a tinsmith, furniture dealers, a doctor, an army lieutenant, an electrician, a woodseller, a gardener a mayor, a winegrower, and a school

The evidence was all in late this after noon, and the case was then adjourned until January 2, when it will be-summed D'Aulby has not been admitted to bail and he will spend Christmas in prison

MURDEROUS BURGLARS CAUGHT London Police Have Three of Gang Who

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONCON, Dec. 24.-Three men. Ofef Federof, 30 years old; Jacob Peters, 24, and Yourka Dubof, 21, were arraigned in the Guildhall police court this morning on suspicion of complicity in the killing on December 16 of three policemen by burglars who were planning to rob a Houndsditch jewelry store. In addition to the three policemen who were killed two others received bullet wounds and one of the burglars, whose name is said to have been Fritz, was so badly beaten other policemen that he died the next

The prosecution is said to have sufficient evidence to prove that the prisoners were directly connected with the murders. Federof and Peters have been identified as men who had been seen in the company of the dead burglar a few hours before.

Peters and Dubof have also been identified as the two men who carried the wounded burgiar, Fritz, away and who pointed revolvers at a man whom they suspected of following them. The prisrs were remanded.

FIRST TEA AT THE EMBASSY. Dr. and Mrs. Hill Opening New Hot in Berlin New Year Reception.

pecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, Dec. 24. The American Embe habitable, but the chancery on the ground floor is now in order The renoval of the embassy to Unter-den-Linden has eliminated a class of callers whose inquiries should more properly he addressed to a tourists' office or a servants' registry than to an embassy. There will be no Christmas entertainments of a public kind, but the embassy

will be thrown open to the American colony for a New Year reception. Dr. and Mrs. Hill have invited a few friends to take tea in the new house on Tuesday. Joseph Swain of Swarthmore College,

AMERICAN SINGER CLEARED. Charge Against Young Woman.

Cable Despatch to THE STN Paris. Dec. 24.-The investigating Magistrate has decided that a sufficient case for trial has not been established against Elizabeth Haworth, the American broker of the name of Mossi that she had

robbed him The charge against Miss Haworth was entitled to as a professional musician, until August 1, when she was admitted that the authorities did not release the Lemoine, as soon as it was proved she ha

CHRISTMAS R. R. TRAGEDIES

NINE PASSENGERS BURNED ON BRITISH EXPRESS.

in Yorkshire Four Children Mown Bown at a Grade Crossing Fatal Acnts Also in France and Italy. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN

LONDON, Dec. 24.-Christmastide

an unenviable record in Europe for raildisasters. That of 1910 will be orable for not less than five, two in France, one in Italy and two in Great Britain, the latest of which was at Bolsover, Derbyshire, where a party of children returning from a cinematograph show were scattered at a level crossing Four of them were killed and one injured It is feared that the loss of life by the wrecking of the Scotch express will exceed the official estimate. The train was running from London to Carlisle when it collided at 8 o'clock this morning with two light locomotives between Hawes Kirkby-Stephen, 260 miles from here. The front portion of the express wrecked and the coaches caught Was

The train was travelling at the speed of sixty miles an hour when it dashed into flagrant violation of the Concordat, the powers of nature associated therewith. the engines throwing them a distance of 150 yards. Redhot coals set fire to the first carriage and in a short space of time the entire train was burning furiously. All but two of the coaches were reduced to cinders.

Nine bodies, all charred beyond recognition, have been extricated from the wreck, and it is thought that others may attitude will be passive. be under the débris. Twenty-five othe passengers were more or less seriously

The work of identifying the incinerated will be very difficult. In many instances fragments of clothing are all that remain. horror of the scene was heightened by the fact that the accident occurred in so remote a spot that it was difficult of access and consequently there were no appliances with which to extricate the wounded, who, pinned beneath the wreckage, were slowly burned to death. scene of the wreck is in the Pennine Hills, the highest railroad section in England. It is officially stated that the nine bodies

recovered were burned after death, although survivors tell a pathetic tale of a young married couple who saw their baby girl burned alive while they were bassy building is still too incomplete to pinned in the wreckage and were unable to help her.

ROME. Dec. 24.-A collision occurred to-day near the Milan station between an express train crowded with passengers and a freight train. An engine, three cars and the baggage van were completely smashed. Many persons were injured, five of them, including an engineer, seriously. A heavy fog prevailed at the time and this rendered the work of rescue more difficult than it otherwise

the Paris-Ventimiglia express near this vesterday was inscribed on the civil Prof. and Mrs. Patterson Congers and place last night two persons were killed Miss Sherman of Washington are among and nine were injured. There were a number of Americans on the train, but none was seriously hurt.

The corridor carriages, of which the train was composed, were badly broken For a time the local railway officials lost their heads and did little to protect passengers from suffering in the cold. Many got accommodations at last in local hotels and after a time went on the Riviera in other trains.

Mad Dog Bites Eleven.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS MADRID, Dec. 24.-A mad dog bit Dr Cervera, a very eminent physician here, and ten members of his household. All the victims have been inoculated with the anti-hydrophobia virus.

Japanese Cadets in Mexico. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.-Eighteen offi-

cers, twenty-six musicians and 140 cadets from the Japanese warships visiting Mex-ico arrived here this morning. All were assigned to quarters at the military school

CANALEJAS AT A CRISIS.

enteen of His Hills Fought by the position The Vatican Passive.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—The decree susper ing the session of the Cortes during the Christmas holidays, made possible by the passage of the "padlock" bill yesterday, was read in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day by Premier Canalejas When the session is resumed the Governent will seek to have passed in the short-

est possible time all the bills now pending. A council of the Ministers will be held the existing political crisis. It is alleged that this crisis is very acute, the opposition refusing to sanction seventeen of the lovernment bills. The notorious Socialist Deputy and

agitator. Lerroux, who is engaged very inaugurate his propagan

speech in which he reviewed his precarious youth, exciting much enthusiasm. which is considered by the Vatican as a

mutual agreement and a revision of the Concordat is not unlikely. The Pope is willing to resume negotiations provided he receives assurances that the application of the law will not be hostile to the concordation of the law will not be hostile to the concordation of the law will not be hostile to the concordant was to this effect. willing to resume negotiations provided hurch. He will wait for Spain to take the initiative. Meanwhile the Vatican's

NO "YSOBEL" FOR ROME.

es Willing, but Maseagni Is Sore Over the 1911 Exposition Arrangements

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME. Dec. 24.-Mascagni has not vet ixed the date of his departure for New board La Provence from Havre. It was hoped that while he was in Rome the executive committee of the 1911 exposition would arrange for a performance of "Ysobel" in that year.

The Liebler company is willing to send company to Rome, but Mascagni resents the fact that he is not a member of the committee and refuses to have Ysobel" given in Italy for some time, certainly not in Rome in 1911.

Spain's Sympathy for England. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Before adjourning o-day the Cortes voted to telegraph ts condolences to the British Govern ment on the mining disaster at the Pretoria coal mine Wednesday.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—According to custor he name of the new infanta born to the MONTREUX, Dec. 24.—In the wreck of Infante Carlos and the Infanta Louise register to-day. The Minister of Justice attended as the chief notary.

MEDICINE MAN'S ACCESSORIES

OUTFIT OF "THE BEAR ONE" AS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

ents Some of the Tools of Trade to Curing the Sick Among the Blackfoot Indians Difficulty in Getting the Owner to Part With His Fixings.

In the Plains Indian collection on exhi-

bition at the American Museum of Natural

ries of an old medicine man of the Black-

foot tribe, a priest who was born 80 years

History may be seen the robe and acces

ago in the Piegan division of his people He became a pupil of a famous man and finally inherited the rituals and formulæ used by his teacher. His names changed with the Indians at varactively in an attempt to save his political jous periods of his life, but to the museum life, will preside at a meeting to be held explorers in Indian land he was known at Valencia on January 1, when he will as "The Bear One." The medicine man's robe was embellished with blue emblems An electoral meeting held at the Teatro upon yellow ground, a simple headdress Eliseo at Gijon was attended by 8,000 of running fisher skins. He carried a persons. Deputy Melquiades made a small feather wand. Curators of the museum were anxious to obtain the robe. but The Bear One would not listen to ROME, Dec. 24. - Despite the passage of any offers. If he gave the robe to an he "padlock" law by the Spanish Cortes, Indian he would lose the right to its ceremonial use and the protection of the cossibility of a solution of the crisis by Finally The Bear One was persuaded to

You always do as I say; I always do

as you say."

To this the students of Indian lore agreed with slight restrictions. In association with the robe and headdress of The Bear One the visitor to the museum will see in the collection a drum, a whistle of human bone and the skin of an albino

of human bone and the skin of an albino magpie, all comprising the complete outfit of an Indian medicine man.

Dr. Clark Wissler, curator of the department of anthropology, says the spirit of the sun, of the moon, of the stars and the earth and the water have some place in the ritual of The Bear One. He once said that if these objects should be handled rudely there would follow a great storm of wind and rain.

"Strangely enough," said Dr. Wissler, our workmen in the museum have twice shifted these objects, and in each case

"our workmen in the museum have twice shifted these objects, and in each case the city was swept by a severe storm soon

As it was chiefly through the efforts of the medicine man that many of the important things in the Plains collection were obtained, the trophies and curios in the collection, so far as it represents the Blackfoot Indians, are regarded as a memorial to The Bear One of the Piegans.

NEW COMIC STRAUSS SUCCESS. Mein Junger Herr" and "Die Kleine Freundin" to Be Given Here Scen.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Dec. 24.—Oscar Strauss has scored a great success with his new comiq opera, "Mein Junger Herr," at the Raimond Theatre. In includes yet another appy waitz.

It will be performed in New York in May by Mr. Whitney's company. Strauss is working on a new piece, "Die Kleine Freundin," which has also been secured by Mr. Whitney.

The Problem of Judicious **Furnishing**

THE quest of the beautiful in Furniture often resolves itself into a search for some one particular piece to harmonize with existing conditions in the room.

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